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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 6, 2002

APPLICATION OF

ADELPHIA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS
OF VIRGINIA, LLC

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00138

To discontinue local exchange and
interexchange telecommunications
services in certain areas of
Virginia

ORDER PERMITTING PARTIAL DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICES

On July 12, 2002, Adelphia Business Solutions of Virginia, LLC ("ABS-VA" or the "Company"),¹ filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting Commission approval to discontinue its provision of telecommunications services to customers in two areas of Virginia. The Company's application specifically requests approval to discontinue its facilities-based and resale services in the Northern Virginia area adjacent to and within the local calling area of Washington, D.C.,² and discontinue its resale

¹ The application states that ABS-VA filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on June 18, 2002, in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

² Service will no longer be provided in Washington, D.C. and Maryland, and the switch serving that area will be decommissioned. This will impact the customers of Northern Virginia since those customers are provided service via the same switch.

services in the "Tri-Cities" area that includes Bristol and Abingdon, Virginia.³ In its application, ABS-VA states that it has made a business decision to either close a non-cash flow positive market or focus primarily on provisioning facilities-based services by discontinuing its resale services.⁴

The Company proposes to discontinue telecommunications services in the Northern Virginia area on August 15, 2002. Customers were provided notice of the discontinuance via first-class mail on June 13, 2002. The Company proposes to discontinue telecommunications services in the Tri-Cities area on September 20, 2002. Those customers were provided notice of the discontinuance via first-class mail on June 18, 2002.

The Commission's primary concern with authorizing any discontinuance of telecommunications services is that adequate notice to the customers be provided. The Commission's rule regarding partial discontinuance, 20 VAC 5-423-30 (Requirements for Partial Discontinuance), requires that an application include a description of the customer notification efforts and that customers be provided at least 30 days' written notice of a proposed partial discontinuation of service. ABS-VA's customers

³ The Tri-Cities area consists of Johnson City and Bristol, Tennessee, along with Bristol and Abingdon, Virginia.

⁴ The application states that the Company will continue to provide telecommunications services in the Tidewater area of Virginia.

were provided over 60 days' notice of the pending discontinuance of service.

NOW THE COMMISSION, being sufficiently advised, will grant the requested partial discontinuance of local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC-2002-00138.

(2) On or before August 10, 2002, ABS-VA shall report to the Commission's Division of Communications the number of any remaining customers in Northern Virginia affected by the proposed discontinuance.

(3) On or before September 16, 2002, ABS-VA shall report to the Commission's Division of Communications the number of any remaining customers in the Tri-Cities area, including Bristol and Abingdon, Virginia, affected by the proposed discontinuance.

(4) ABS-VA is hereby granted authority to discontinue its provision of local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services to customers in Northern Virginia effective August 15, 2002.

(5) ABS-VA is hereby granted authority to discontinue its provision of local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services to customers in the Tri-Cities area, including Bristol and Abingdon, Virginia, effective September 20, 2002.

(6) ABS-VA shall revise its tariffs on file with the Division of Communications to reflect its revised service area.

(7) This case shall be closed, and the papers herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.